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2 PUBLIC MEETING
3 March 4, 1994
4 Gana-a' Yoo Conference Room
5 Galena, Alaska
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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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9 Mr. Harold Huntington, Chairman
10 Mr. Pollock Simon, Sr., Vice Chairman
11 Mr. Raymond L. Collins, Secretary
12 Ms. Sharon Gurtler-Strick
13 Mr. Jack L. Reakoff
14 Mr. Franklin Simon
15 Ms. Angela O. Demientieff
16 Mr. Phillip A. Graham

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19 Mr. David James, Regional Coordinator
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MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Call the meeting back to order.
Is there any announcements, Dave.

MR. JAMES: Mr. Chair, I made most of the announcements before the meeting, but relative to the agenda here, above Item Number 4, at 9:40 a.m., 9:40 is adjourn the public meeting, about that we have four items on the agenda. One is time and place of next meeting, the other three are the proposals, Number 54 was tabled last night and then we have Proposal 85 and 58.

If the Council wishes to start with 54 then I know that Phil Graham has some information on that. I do too, but what I have to say is mostly nothing, he talked to some people in that area and I think you're probably ready to tackle that proposal.

MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Okay, do you want to start on Proposal 54? Okay, Phil.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, yeah, I talked to the Chairman of the Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee and the Regional Coordinator for that group and discussed the proposal with the Federal book with the one that they passed at their Advisory Committee meeting last week in Stony River.

I would like to move that we adopt this proposal with an amendment that will make it correspond with the proposal that they passed at their meeting. And I guess I'll just show you on the map. This is the Kuskokwim River and they have a season in September, November and February. And the people from about here down wanted a bulls only for the whole -- for all three seasons. The people above here wanted an antlerless season during February. The people down here felt that there was too much pressure and so they want to keep it bulls only down there. And that what they passed as their Advisory Committee meeting. That divided point is Kolmakoff River.

So I'm moving that we adopt Proposal 54 with the amendment that would read as follows: in Unit 19(A) the bag limit is one moose, however, antlerless moose may be taken during the February 1 through 10 season in that portion of Game Management Unit 19(A) upstream from but not including the Kolmakoff River drainage. And south of the Kuskokwim River, upstream but not including the Holakuk River drainage.

MR. COLLINS: I second that.

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1 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Do you happen to have that
 2 written there, Phil? Can I see that in writing?

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 4 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah, you might not be able to read it.
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6 MR. JAMES: Also, Phil, if you know the correct
 7 spelling of those rivers, could you give those to us?

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 9 MR. GRAHAM: Kolmakoff is -- I think some people call
 10 Kolmakoffsky (ph), but they way it's written in our proposal
 11 Kolmakoff, K-o-l-m-a-k-o-f-f.

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 13 MR. JAMES: And that comes in from the north side?
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15 MR. GRAHAM: Yes, I think. Yeah, right. And then the
 16 Holakuk is H-o-l-a-k-u-k.

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 18 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: See if I can read it there.
 19 It's been moved and seconded to adopt Proposal 54 with the
 20 following amendments. One moose, however, antlerless, maybe
 21 taken during the February 1st through 10th season on in that
 22 portion of Game Management 19(A) upstream from

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 24 MR. GRAHAM: But not including the

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 26 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: but not including the
 27 Kolmakoff River drainage and south of the Kuskokwim River
 28 upstream but not including the Holakuk River drainage. Is
 29 there any questions?

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 31 MR. JAMES: Phil, those rivers roughly come in about
 32 the same level on the Kuskokwim as that

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 34 MR. GRAHAM: Approximately the same level. The Holakuk
 35 on that map and I believe the Kolmakoff is close to there.

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 37 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: You have a question?

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 39 MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, if you adopt this proposal
 40 the way you worded it, that would mean that, as I understand
 41 it, that the season in the Lime Village area that you're
 42 concerned with would be a bull only season until February and I
 43 don't think from the discussion yesterday that's the way you
 44 wanted to do that.

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 46 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Phil.

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 48 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah, we were going -- in talking to Mike
 49 offing down there it looks like Lime Village has a separate
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paragraph here. If you look on Page 78 under moose. Under bag limits, it starts out that rural Alaska residents of Lime Village only, no individual bag limit, but a village harvest of 40 moose, either sex. So he felt that Lime Village was covered there and then it goes to Unit 19(A) below there, that would be excluding the Lime Village Management Area.

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8 MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a
9 suggestion that in your proposed change you say remainder of
10 Unit 19(A).

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12 MR. GRAHAM: I'd like to add that, then, to the
13 amendment.

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15 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: The remainder of Unit 19(A)?

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17 MR. GRAHAM: Right, that would

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19 MR. COLLINS: Be the area outside the Lime Village
20 area.

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22 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah.

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24 MR. JAMES: Catch me up now, what wording did you
25 decide on; what are going to use?

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27 MR. GRAHAM: Under bag limits it should start out
28 remainder of Unit 19(A), that wasn't in the amendment, I guess.
29 One moose, however, and then from there it goes on the same.

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31 MR. JAMES: Another way that might -- I'm not prepared
32 myself offer a decision or recommendation right not, but
33 another way may be to somehow us the wording excluding the
34 expanded Lime Village Management Area, but we can do it either
35 way. If you insist on getting the precise wording right now
36 then I'd say go with what Ken just suggested.

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38 MR. GRAHAM: Well, as long as Lime Village is safe,
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41 MR. JAMES: I think we know what the intent is.

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43 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Want me to read the amendment
44 with the addition? It's been moved and seconded to amend to
45 the moose, however, antlerless maybe taken during February 1
46 through 10 season in the remainder of Game Management 19(A)
47 upstream from, but not including the Kolmakoff River drainage
48 and south of the Kuskokwim River upstream, but not including
49 the Holakuk River drainage. Is that the wording on that?

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2 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah, I think the remainder should
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4 MR. JAMES: At the end of that could you just say
5 excluding
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7 MR. GRAHAM: All right, all right.
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9 MR. JAMES: the expanded Lime Village Management
10 Area.
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12 MR. GRAHAM: I'll add that in too. Excluding the Lime
13 Village
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15 MR. JAMES: Yeah, and when the Board finally takes
16 action that expanded Lime Village Management Area may evolve
17 into some other form, but it will mean the area that you
18 intended.
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20 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Okay, be reading excluding the
21 Lime Village Management Area then, huh?
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23 MR. GRAHAM: Expanded.
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25 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Oh, expanded.
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27 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah.
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29 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Oh, okay. Any questions on
30 that? I'll read the amendment one more time. One moose,
31 however, antlerless may be taken during the February 1 through
32 season in the remainder of Game Management 19(A) upstream
33 from, but not including the Kolmakoff River drainage and south
34 of the Kuskokwim River upstream, but not including the Holakuk
35 River drainage excluding the expanded Lime Village Management
36 Area.
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38 MR. JAMES: Mr. Chair, a question for Ken. Maybe,
39 Bill, you would have some comment on this also. I'm concerned
40 about the regulations for 19(B), (C), and (D). I have this
41 hunch we're overlooking something here because there's still
42 going to be other hunters within the expanded Lime Village
43 Management Area on State land. Are we, somehow, going to
44 create a problem there?
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46 MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, the way these regulations
47 are normally drafted, if you have an area that encompasses a
48 part of a bunch of different subunits, the first regulation in
49 the book will say Unit 19 and it will say Lime Village
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Management Area and then give the regulation for that. And if the Lime Village Management Area includes parts in 19(A), parts in 19(B) and parts of 19(D), then below that it will say remainder of 19(A) and then it will give what we pass here and then it will say remainder of 19(B) and whatever you pass for 19(B). And that's an administrative thing that the Board will do.

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9 So, basically, all you need to do here is make your intent clear and the way you had it originally worded you would have had two season for the same area. You would have had the Lime Village season for that area and then this season here would also for the Lime Village area. So, basically, all you need to do here is say Unit 19(A) except for the Lime Village Management Area and then whatever you want to have.

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17 MR. JAMES: Okay. So, Mr. Chair and Phil, does that sound good? Then it would read Unit 19(A) except the Lime Village Management Area and then go back to the wording as you just stated it.

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22 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah, that's fine.

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24 MR. JAMES: Okay.

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26 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: So just the way I read it last time will be fine or you want some more changes?

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29 MR. GRAHAM: Pardon me?

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31 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Is this the way you wanted it? Just the way I read it?

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34 MR. GRAHAM: I'll just go along with what Ken said.

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36 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Should I read it one more time?

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38 MR. FRANKLIN SIMON: Yeah, you better read it again.

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40 MR. COLLINS: We got it, we got it.

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42 (Indiscernible -- simultaneous speaking)

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44 MR. GRAHAM: I think our intent is clear and I just wanted to make sure that the Kuskokwim got their input on this proposal that affects them and that's why I put in the amendment.

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49 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: So that's the way you wanted it

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then?

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3 MR. GRAHAM: Except the Lime Village Management Area.

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5 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Um-hum. (Affirmative)

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7 MR. REAKOFF: Expanded.

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9 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: The expanded.

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11 MR. JAMES: Mr. Chair, could I -- do you want me to
~~read~~ read it back one more time for the Council?

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13 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Yeah.

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 16 MR. JAMES: Unit 19(A) excluding the expanded Lime
 Village Management Area, one moose, however, antlerless moose
~~may~~ may be taken only from February 1st through February 10th in
~~that~~ that portion of 19(A) upstream from, but not including the
~~Kolmakoff~~ Kolmakoff River drainage and upstream from, but not including
~~the~~ the Holakuk drainage.

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22 MR. GRAHAM: And south of the Kuskokwim River.

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24 MR. JAMES: Well, it suppose to be north, I should have
~~said~~ said north for the Kolmakoff is what you're saying, south for
~~the~~ the

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28 MR. GRAHAM: That's not the way it reads in their --
~~that's~~ that's why I couldn't -- that's not the way it reads in their
~~proposal~~ proposal.

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32 MR. JAMES: How about upstream from, but not including
~~the~~ the Kolmakoff River on the north side of the Kuskokwim,
~~upstream~~ upstream from, but not including the Holakuk River on the south
~~side~~ side of the Kuskokwim? That's the intent. Let's get on with
~~your~~ your business here.

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38 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Ready to vote on the amendment?
~~It's~~ It's been moved and seconded to adopt Proposal 54 with
~~amendments~~ amendments. Questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

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42 (Ayes respond)

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44 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: All opposed, same sign.

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46 (No opposing votes)

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48 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Motion passed, the proposal

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passes.

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3 MR. JAMES: Mr. Chair, Proposal 85, Conrad Guenther
will provide some background information.

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6 (Off record comments -- passing out proposals)

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8 MR. GUENTHER: Mr. Chair, Proposal 85, the reason that
we're discussing here, this originally was only dealing with
GCU 26, but because of the biology of the sheep situation
throughout the Brooks Range there will probably be an amendment
offered up to the Federal Subsistence Board dealing with the
whole Brooks Range, so this will, in this area, will include
that portion of Unit 24 within the Dalton Highway Corridor.
The remainder of 24 is under a three sheep limit and there's
not a horn restriction on that so it will not impact that area.
This will only be dealing with that section of the Dalton
Highway Corridor where there is a horn restriction.

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20 In fact, let me read that regulation to you so that you
know exactly what I'm talking about. The regulation reads:
That portion within the Dalton Highway Corridor for Unit 24
Management Area except the Gates of the Arctic National Park,
the ram, 7/8 horn or larger by Federal registration permit,
August 10 through September 20th. This proposal would change
the 7/8 curl requirement to a full curl requirement during the
August to September season, so during that season.

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29 First, let me present the biology on this issue and
then I have a couple of other comments that are not directly
related to the biology. In the mid 1980's the Dall sheep
population in the Brooks Range had grown to quite a high
number, possibly the highest number that's ever been recorded
for the Brooks Range. It's thought that the reason for that
increase -- I'm sorry, during the 1970's and into the early
80's. The reason for that expansion, that increase in the
number of animals was due to a series of mild winters.

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39 After that period it started getting into what would
probably be considered more normal, more difficult winter
situations and the Dall sheep population started to come back
down. Some biologist feel that the Dall sheep population in
the Brooks Range was never a really a large population compared
to the Dall sheep population in other areas and that probably
winter conditions are the limiting factor on Dall sheep
populations. And we're not positive, but we think that the
harsh winters probably are bring the population back down.
Some people feel that the population that was reached during
the '70's was an abnormally high population and it shouldn't be

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expected the population would stay there.

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3 When 7/8 curl restriction was put into place it was
felt with the understanding the Dall sheep at that time that
this would give the best protection to Dall sheep and would
help to maintain the best populations possible. More current
thinking dealing with the actual social interaction of Dall
sheep is starting to show us that a 7/8 curl requirement
actually is disruptive to the social organization of Dall sheep
population and actually may reduce the breeding potential of
that population.

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13 Generally a 7/8 curl sheep is a seven year old sheep
and normally a full curl is an eight year old plus sheep.
Basically, the problem that happens is during the fall, during
the breeding season, adult rams within the population -- when
they talk about adult rams, I'm talking about 7/8 curl or
larger rams, full curl rams primarily, but 7/8 curl rams also
play the same role. These older rams -- one older ram will
disrupt younger rams, six year old rams, from harassing the
ewes.

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23 And so as long as you have some of these older rams in
the population, or any one group of sheep, they keep the
younger rams from harassing the ewes. If there's not a larger
ram in the group, the younger rams will harass the ewes for a
long period of time. Long enough so that they actually reduce
winter survival of ewes, it's believe, because the ewes can't
build up the amount of fat they need during the fall.

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31 They've also found that there's a lower pregnancy rate
when there's more younger rams in the population and not a few
of these older rams to control these younger rams. So,
Basically, what's happening with this 7/8 curl restriction in
areas where there's any amount of hunting pressure you're
primarily taking all of your full curl rams out of the
population and you're harvesting a high percentage of the rams,
most of the rams, as soon as they reach 7/8 curl. So in any
area where there's very much hunting pressure at all you're
keeping the ram population harvested right down to the legal
horn size limit.

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43 I've got statistics for different portions of the
Brooks Range so I can give you those if you're particularly
interested. But, basically, a number of areas in the Brooks
Range are being harvested quite close to the legal limit horn
size and so you get a very small number of full curl rams and
you actually get a quite limited number of 7/8 curl rams.
You've got six year old rams that are doing a fair amount of

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the breeding and there's not the 7/8 and full curl rams, these more mature rams, that are restricting these younger rams from harassing the ewes.

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5 It's somewhat controversial, yet, at this point, but a number of the sheep biologists that are dealing with Dall sheep particularly feel that by having a full curl requirement over a period of time that it actually allows a potential for a greater harvest of sheep than it does with a 7/8 curl restriction. It seems somewhat illogical, but initially when you go into a full curl restriction you may see a slight drop in harvest for a couple of years.

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14 But as soon as you start having more 7/8 curl rams -- because, now, you got better ewe survival, particularly during difficult winters, because of the lack of harassment and because you have a better pregnancy rate you actually have better lamb production and more ewes surviving into the next spring to produce in the future. So over a period of time you actually start building a little bit larger sheep population so you end up with more harvestable sheep after some period of time.

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24 It's felt that in Arctic sheep populations, the Brooks Range is considered an Arctic sheep population where winter is a major limiting factor overall on sheep populations that the full curl restriction is extremely important. The State has gone to a full curl restriction and I'm not sure it's throughout the state, but in most of the state there's a full curl restriction at this point for the reasons that I mentioned to you.

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33 A couple of factors fall into this. First of all, this really deals with a short window of time during the fall season where there's subsistence harvest during the more extended period of the year and frequently it's harvesting animals other than just rams. And so we're really only affecting a small portion of the harvest, so it may not be quite as effective from a subsistence standpoint as it is from a sport harvest where you're doing a large harvest just during that window and you're targeting specifically rams. Where the subsistence harvest in a lot of the Brooks Range is an any sheep harvest, a three sheep harvest, with windows where there's rams only.

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45 Also this definitely does make it more difficult to a subsistence user during that period of time because he will have to take a full curl ram, rather than being able to take a 7/8 curl ram, if he finds it. In the long run, though, it's generally believed that this will actually provide more full

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curl rams available to all harvesters, including subsistence harvesters, several years down the road.

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4 That's basically all I have, but as I said I've got more information, I've got more harvest information for the Brooks Range and I've got more specific population data. Most of the population data I have to mention, also for the Brooks Range. The only area where we have really good population data is in the Hula-Hula drainage. Throughout the rest of the Brooks Range there hasn't been intensive surveys done.

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12 There's information gathered and we've seen trends in populations. Generally on the north side of the Brooks Range has a better sheep population than the south side of the Brooks Range. The western side of the Brooks Range has, as a general rule, a little bit better population than the eastern side of the Brooks Range, the eastern end. But, again, there's a lot of variation from drainage to drainage.

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20 The overall Brooks Range, the population has decline, though, from the '70's high population and it is into a declining mode now. Where that decline will stop exactly, you know, is anybody's best guess. Generally we feel that it'll go down to what the normal low levels were prior to that increase in the '70's, we really don't know for sure.

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27 If anybody has any questions, I'll be glad to try to answer them.

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30 MR. JAMES: Could I -- excuse me, Ray, just to back up to the very beginning. Conrad, you said that the area affected would be the Corridor, I'm wondering about that remainder of Unit 24 on the east side.

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35 MR. GUENTHER: I'm sorry, that would also be included.

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37 MR. JAMES: That would be included, too. So that's still a fairly narrow -- in fact, there's a map in the regulation book on Page 98 which would show you clearly what area that he's talking about.

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42 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I have a question. When you said that there is a subsistence season that allows subsistence hunters to take any ram. If you're trying to protect the older ones, why not say that subsistence hunters could not harvest 7/8 and up? Just leave that population alone because then they could take the younger ones.

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49 MR. GUENTHER: The issue with any harvest in the Brooks

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Range, we've discussed that quite a bit in our office, probably from strictly a biological standpoint, the harvested use in the Brooks Range is really not a good policy, particularly since people are more mobile, they get into more area. My understanding is that in older traditional times because of somewhat limited access harvest tended to occur more in specific drainages. There would be drainages that weren't harvested and drainages that were harvested very extensively. Now, we've got a situation where every drainage gets harvest in 10 and so we get much more extensive harvest over drainages.

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12 Of course, I'm not sure how much that applies specifically to subsistence users, but subsistence users do harvest over broader area in any one particular year probably than they did in the past, but we know from a sport harvest that we are harvesting broadly through over the Brooks Range. We felt that -- and we don't have any really good evidence, we haven't spent a lot of time doing an analysis on eliminating a ewe harvest. We felt that probably the ewe harvest by subsistence users was small enough so at this point we couldn't really justify saying no, we can't have any ewe harvest whatsoever.

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24 And so we felt that probably at this time it would be best to leave that in place until better evidence was developed on either side of the issue so that we really know biologically what exactly what we should do relative to subsistence, Federal subsistence harvest. Probably, from a broad biological perspective, harvested use is not a good idea in the Brooks Range, but we're kind of still -- you know, we're at that point. I'm not sure what more I can say about that.

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33 MR. COLLINS: Well, what about the idea of excluding the harvest of the larger rams and having them take younger rams, that again would upset the future?

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37 MR. GUENTHER: Well, we really didn't look at that specifically. I guess I can't really answer that without having to go back and look through some of the literature and have some more discussion on that from a biological perspective.

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43 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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45 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Yes, Jack.

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47 MR. REAKOFF: Ray, the area that they're taking about changing this to a full curl law doesn't have the harvested of the ewes, this is strictly -- the area where they're talking

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about harvesting ewes with a three sheep permit was within the Gates of the Arctic Park and you have to have a c&t rural Resident zone access to the Gates of the Arctic Park, so it's not just a general subsistence hunt.

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6 The area they'll change is within the Dalton Highway Corridor to the east of the Gates of the Arctic Park and that's where they've proposed a full curl, one ram, subsistence hunt. 9As living in a resident zone community hunters can use as a 10additional method for people in the Brooks Range area there. And the Park Service proposed and allowed a three sheep permit.

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13 And the harvest of ewes -- after the first part of 14October rams go into rut and you can't eat them, they taste 15real bum and they get real skinny and it's just like you don't 16want to kill a bull moose in October or something, or a bull 17caribou in October, it's not good to eat.

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19 So to facilitate customary and traditional use they 20allowed the use of ewes and the harvest is extremely low 21compared to the viable (ph) mass of sheep within the Gates of 22the Arctic Park. There's not an extensive use of the ewes 23harvest data is real low, so it's not a big problem hunting 24ewes. And the population is so great that the taking of a few 25ewes out occasionally, it's not a factor on the sheep. More 26sheep slide down the mountains in snow slides than are killed 27by subsistence hunters.

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29 And generally -- my first impression with changing a 30subsistence hunt on horn size is not -- wasn't accepted real 31well, but the Koyukuk Advisory Committee last spring, we felt 32that a full curl ram size for the State lands of Unit 24 was -- 33here's getting to be more and more hunting pressure from 34people coming up there to hunt sheep. And the Koyukuk Advisory 35Committee felt a full curl think would be prudent.

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37 I know those sheep in that Dalton Highway Corridor and 38here's lots of full curl sheep around and those are older 39rams. When I go to kill a sheep in the fall, I kill the oldest 40one because an old sheep is no different than a young ram, it's 41big, tastes just as good, they're not any tougher, they're a 42real good quality meat and they're usually pretty fat.

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44 So I don't think that -- going to a full curl right now 45here's lots of full curl sheep in the Dalton Highway Corridor 46and going to a full curl hunt now is a better time than if it 47got pushed back and there was a lot of -- you know, a lot of 48hunting pressure and to go into it later. So now is a good 49time if you want to go into a full curl restriction on

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subsistence users outside of the Gates of the Arctic Park
 Because you do have sport and subsistence harvest overlapping
 in the Dalton Highway Corridor and to the east.

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5 So now is the time to go to the full curl hunt because
 6 there are getting to be more and more and more hunters coming
 7 up all the time. I mean, on the 8th and 9th of August before
 8 the sheep season, it's like the skies are full of airplanes
 9 going up there. I mean, literally full of airplanes, two or
 10 three airplanes all flying together at once. So I think it's
 11 probably a good time for the -- I don't think that it would be
 12 a hardship for the subsistence users in that -- and that's a
 13 limited eligibility to hunt there under subsistence. I don't
 14 think there would be a hardship for the subsistence users and
 15 that's in our area, that would affect us in Unit 24.

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17 MR. COLLINS: Well, it seems strange to me that you're
 18 targeting full curl rams for subsistence user use, it seem
 19 incompatible to me, it seems like if you wanted to protect the
 20 larger rams you would have the subsistence user take -- and
 21 since their eligible take smaller ones, but I guess that if
 22 that's what the people in the area want, why then I'll go along
 23 with it.

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25 MR. REAKOFF: Well, I mean, I would rather see one
 26 keep myself, but they're not going to give us one sheep in
 27 that because there is this other harvest and there's a pretty
 28 heavy harvest. He's right, I mean, they start killing all the
 29 legal rams and it screws the sheep up. You can go down the
 30 Alaska Range around some of those places where they killed
 31 every legal ram -- it doesn't matter if it's -- you know, you
 32 kill every 3/4 or every 7/8 it screws the sheep up doing that,
 33 genetically.

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35 Because the slowest growing sheep is the one that
 36 actually lives the longest and the slowest growing sheep is the
 37 weakest, scrawny animal and he's actually the one -- they've
 38 actually selectively -- he's usually smaller and they've
 39 selectively bred small, ratty looking sheep in these high hunt
 40 areas. And then they winter kill bad because they're
 41 genetically inferior, you know.

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43 Right now for us I think we could -- because we have
 44 the park for the winter, you know, we can work within the --
 45 this is a good time for us to go into a full curl thing because
 46 we have intensive hunting pressure around us.

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48 MR. COLLINS: But aren't you increasing the hunting
 49 pressure on the largest sheep, which is the ones you want to

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preserve, the best genetic stock? I can understand from the Hunter, what you're saying is you're preserving the 7/8 for them, but now you're having everybody target on the full curl.

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5 MR. REAKOFF: No, the full curls you can take, it's the

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8 MR. COLLINS: Yeah.

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10 MR. REAKOFF: I mean, it's the -- that's the ones -- it's actually 7/8 is the ones that they want to protect because they retain this breeding order, so you have 7/8, the full curl, age class that will never be hunted and they'll maintain this breeding order and everything, so you can take off those full curls off the top. It's those 7/8 that they want to protect.

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18 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Sharon.

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20 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: First, thank you for telling me that it's edible when they get to be that big, I was concerned about the edibility of them at full curl. And my next question, if the habitat is good, is it guaranteed that a 7/8 curl will mature to a full curl in one year? In other words, will all the 7/8 then become harvestable in one year?

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27 MR. GUENTHER: Generally, that's true, yes. Mr. Chair, the other point just for clarification that I thought of that I missed telling you about why not look at a full curl restriction all over the Brooks Range, rather than allowing ewes. And the point that you brought up was a major point that we considered and is probably a driving force in our decision not to pursue that. Because of the customary and traditional use of ewes we thought that it would be a significant impact on additional use to not allow a ewe harvest and because of the low level of ewe harvest. As he mentioned, we didn't feel that it was really significant to try to impact that harvest at this time.

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40 You know, if down the road in the future we saw that harvesting ewes was truly becoming significant to that population, to maintaining a healthy, viable population, then we would consider that. I mean, I would have to as a biologist, but at this point I think the customary and additional use overrides and biological evidence that we've got that there may be damage to the population by the harvest that occurs through Federal subsistence regs at this point.

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49 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Yeah, Jack.

MR. REAKOFF: It's the same line of thinking, the moose are getting killed off in this Unit 19(A) and so now they went to a bull season, but up river there's lots of moose, so why shouldn't the people up river hunt cow moose, it's the same. The harvest rate now is so low in the park that people utilize it, but they're not affecting the sheep population there. So it's -- the park is a vast area. At one time I heard there was around 12,000 sheep within the Gates of the Arctic Park

MR. GUENTHER: (Nods head affirmatively)

MR. REAKOFF: That was an estimate, so it's a large area, it's an eight and a half million acre park and there's basically a few ewes. I've heard estimates from Tim Osborne bearing (ph) the ewe harvest of 25 sheep or something like that, it's a negligible affect on the sheep population. I wish Tim was here. You wouldn't happen to have any kind of

MR. TAYLOR: No, I'm sorry, Jack, I don't.

MR. JAMES: Mr. Chair, just to clarify what's going on at that area that we're talking about. Under State regulation within the Corridor during a fall hunting season you have the sport hunting season with bow and arrow.

MR. TAYLOR: (Nods head affirmatively)

MR. JAMES: Ken says yes. You have that hunting going on at that same time. Outside of that Corridor, under State regulations, it's possible to have a sport rifle hunting of sheep going on. This is in the fall at the same time. Now, it's going to be rifle hunting by subsistence users and there's a catch on that, so it's fairly limited, like Jack said, who can use rifles to hunt either in the Corridor or outside of the Corridor. Are we all along with that?

Okay, I just wanted to clarify that. If Jack weren't here and didn't live there, and I defer to him completely, I guess my concern would be that essentially, you know, on paper there's no subsistence preference there at all. You know, the same bag limits, the same full curl, same season, I believe, you know, but as long as the subsistence preference doesn't need to be provided unless it's needed, I guess. But I just want the Council to be aware of that and Jack can speak to that best.

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1 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman, when you go to a bunch of
2 rams -- those bow hunters, they don't like to climb mountains,
3 they want to shoot caribou and stuff on the side of the road.
4 I've rarely seen where they've bothered the sheep. I mean,
5 they drive by sheep, there's sheep right above the valley, they
6 don't even go up there.

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8 But when we go to those bunches of sheep, there's a
9 bunch of rams, there's usually one or two full curl sheep in a
10 bunch there. So, I mean, it's not -- if we have to hunt the
11 ram there's usually always a full curl ram in those bunches,
12 it's more unusual not to see a full curl ram in a bunch of
13 sheep. If you climb up into the mountains you're going to see
14 the full curl sheep in a bunch of rams, so it's not a hardship
15 to find one, it's not like some crisis. The bow hunters, they
16 chase them around sometime, but they're not like moose, they
17 really get after the moose. The moose come down the river and
18 they get after the moose.

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20 MR. JAMES: So what you're saying is that subsistence
21 hunters with a rifle definitely have, in a sense, a preference
22 over the sport hunters with a bow and arrow?

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24 MR. REAKOFF: Yeah, the bow hunters stay -- I don't
25 know, they just don't even try hunting sheep much and the
26 people have always used rifles around there for sheep hunting,
27 that just the way it is.

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29 MR. GUENTHER: Mr. Chair, to give you an idea of the
30 harvest, of course, this is reported harvest and I don't have
31 any figures on what the possible non-reported harvest may be.
32 For Unit 24, 93 qualified subsistence hunters reported taking
33 sheep in the last 10 years. Fifty-five hunted on Federal
34 public lands and harvested 25 sheep on Federal public lands.
35 The horn size was reported by 22 of those hunters. Of
36 the 22 that reported 45 percent reported taking 7/8 curl or
37 larger sheep. Let me re-read that, I didn't read it properly.
38 Full curl sheep were reported by 45 percent of the hunters and
39 another 45 percent of the hunters reported taking sheep 7/8 to
40 full curl. So this would indicate a reported harvest that 90
41 percent of the harvest were 7/8 or larger by subsistence
42 hunters.

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44 And we're talking about, at least reported harvest, a
45 relatively small number of sheep. Now, we did have some on
46 non-reported harvest, some indication of the unreported harvest
47 on the north side of the Brooks Range and in one area where
48 there was a study done the actual harvest was approximately in
49 the range of two to three times the reported harvest.
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2 So we may be looking at a harvest here off of Federal
3 public lands in the last 10 years of somewhere between 50 and
4 75 sheep. So about five to seven sheep a year.
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6 MR. GRAHAM: A year?
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8 MR. GUENTHER: Um-hum. (Affirmative)
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10 MR. REAKOFF: And that would be on the south slope of
11 the Brooks Range?
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13 MR. GUENTHER: Yes, in Unit 24.
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15 MR. REAKOFF: I don't know about that.
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17 MR. GUENTHER: That's, you know, extrapolating what we
18 had as actual reported harvest, so I don't know.
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20 MR. REAKOFF: You ought to talk to Tim Osborne, he's in
21 charge of that Gates.
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23 MR. GUENTHER: Well, the actual figures that I gave
24 you, other than the extrapolation, which is just based on my
25 extrapolation, based on some information from the north side,
26 these figures came out of the State's publication.
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28 MR. REAKOFF: All right. I'm not sure if that's
29 conclusive of the Gates.
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31 MR. GUENTHER: I don't know, all I have is what's right
32 here on this. I didn't do this particular analysis and so I
33 didn't do the research myself.
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35 MR. REAKOFF: I know that it's higher than that, I
36 mean, it normal for people in Wiseman to kill six, seven, eight
37 sheep a year, that's real normal and that's all within the
38 Gates in that Corridor area there.
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40 MR. POLLOCK SIMON, SR: I think we spent enough time on
41 this.
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43 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: You got a question?
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45 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Not important.
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47 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Any more questions on Proposal
48 88? Is there a motion to adopt?
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1 MR. GRAHAM: I move that we adopt Proposal 85.

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3 MR. POLLOCK SIMON, SR: I second.

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5 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: It's been moved and second to
6 adopt Proposal 85. Questions? All in favor signify by saying
7 aye.

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9 (Ayes respond)

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11 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: All opposed, same sign.

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13 (No opposing votes)

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15 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Proposal 85 adopted. We're
16 going now to Proposal 58?

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18 MR. JAMES: Yes.

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20 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I'll move to adopt Proposal
21 58.

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23 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: I'll second it.

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25 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: It's been moved and seconded to
26 adopt Proposal 58. Any questions?

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28 MR. GUENTHER: Mr. Chair, Proposal 58 deals with moose
29 harvest in Unit 21(E). Currently the season in 21(E) is
30 September 5 through September 25th and February 1 through
31 February 10th.

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33 This proposal would affect only the February season,
34 February 1 through February 10th segment of the season. And it
35 would restrict the harvest of moose within a one half mile
36 corridor of the Yukon River. You have in your map pack, Map
37 Number 58 is the map we're dealing with and it's the map that I
38 have up on the wall to give you an idea of the section of where
39 we're dealing with.

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41 Basically, the population of moose along this portion
42 of the Yukon River corridor appears to be healthy, stable,
43 population. Generally, and I'll try to abbreviate this, so if
44 you have questions, ask me because, again, I have more
45 information on this. Generally let's just look at the February
46 harvest of this.

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48 The February harvest, and if you look on Page 49 in
49 your book you can get an idea of what we're talking about, the

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February harvest. That lower chart, you can see that from 1988 to 1993, this is again reported harvest, so this figure can be expanded somewhat, the reported harvest during February, the highest reported harvest was in the '88/'89 season for February, so that would be the year of 1989, we had 10 moose harvested.

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8 It's a relatively small harvest. I've pull up the harvest area, that area is divided up into coding units and I looked at the harvest by each coding unit and of this total harvest that occurred. Over that five year period there were 22 moose reported harvested in that area, seven of those moose were harvested on the Anvik River drainage, two on the Bonasila River drainage, three on the Innoko drainage and 12 of those were harvested on the Yukon River corridor. We don't know if those 12 were taken within a half mile of the corridor or not, it's larger area and it was somewhere taken along that Yukon River corridor.

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20 There's a major moose concentration area on the very lower end where the Yukon River swings to the east after coming southward it swings to the east. That area has a large winter concentration. That winter concentration seems to be slightly smaller than it was 10 years ago. Probably a significant amount of that harvest on the Yukon River corridor occurs down that area.

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28 Only 10 percent of all of the lands within that area are Federal public lands. We do not see at this time a compelling biological reason to eliminate the harvest of the moose by subsistence hunters on the lower section of river, based on harvest data and what information we have -- sorry, not on the lower section, but within a half mile of the river, based on harvest data that we have and based on the limited amount of Federal lands and what is probably the subsistence harvest within that corridor, we don't feel that has a significant impact on the moose populations.

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39 If you have any questions I'll be glad to answer them.
40 know that was very abbreviated.

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42 MR. FRANKLIN SIMON: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I've got a question here now. As you know -- this is just for February 4th through February 10th?

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46 MR. GUENTHER: Yes.

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48 MR. FRANKLIN SIMON: Unit 21?

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1 MR. GUENTHER: Yes, Unit 21(E).

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3 MR. FRANKLIN SIMON: Does that affect Unit 24?

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5 MR. GUENTHER: No.

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7 MR. FRANKLIN SIMON: Okay. The way I understand it --
8 hunt all the time in -- last time there some people wanted to
9 go out and get a moose. At that time you couldn't tell the
10 difference if it was a cow or a bull 'cause all the horns fall
11 off already, so you might have to go right up to it or -- how
12 do you go about that?

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14 MR. GUENTHER: The regulation is one moose, there's not
15 a bull restriction. This would only eliminate harvest within a
16 half mile of the corridor, it doesn't change whether it's a
17 bull or a cow harvest.

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19 MR. FRANKLIN SIMON: I mean, I can't tell a cow from a
20 bull right now because they're losing all their horns. There's
21 nothing on here, there's something wrong some place.

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23 MR. GUENTHER: Mr. Chair, I'm not sure I really
24 understand exactly what you're asking here.

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26 MR. FRANKLIN SIMON: Yeah, I just, you know, moose
27 with a horn or no horn, so how could tell what

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29 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: You don't have to.

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31 MR. GUENTHER: You don't have to under this regulation.
32 The existing regulation and the proposed regulation, under
33 either one of those regulations you can harvest any moose, it's
34 not a bull harvest only, so you can harvest a cow or a bull.

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36 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: All the people in Holy Cross, Anvik
37 area and Shageluk clearly understand that spring hunt, that it
38 is antlerless. There is no horns, if it's a cow, it's a cow,
39 if it's bull, it's bull 'cause it doesn't say anything in the
40 regulations whether or not you have to get a bull only.

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42 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Ken.

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44 MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, this was submitted by the
45 Department of Fish and Game for reconsideration about eight
46 months ago. This was not a proposal that -- I mean, this is
47 not a State law because we requested it, but several years ago
48 Unit 21(B), which is up in this area, and where the Yukon
49 River continues through, when they decided they wanted to have

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3 In a February season they felt it was important to close the Yukon
4 River corridor with a half mile on either side.

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6 And if you look in the Federal regulation, Unit 21(B)
7 is still closed for subsistence use within a half mile on
8 either side. A few years ago 21(E) residents said that they
9 liked to have an antlerless season in February also and they
10 submitted a proposal to do that and as I recall the proposal
11 continued the half mile restriction down along the river.

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13 I think you heard testimony from the local residents
14 that they feel pretty strongly about protecting the cows and
15 calves that concentrate along the river as important to the
16 population. I just wanted to make it clear that what is says
17 up here, that this is a Department of Fish and Game regulation,
18 was simply something that we submitted to keep things in
19 line between the State and the Federal system and not something
20 that we were promoting or pushing for, this is something that
21 came from this area. Both of those proposal were made by the
22 local committees.

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24 MR. GUENTHER: Mr. Chair, also for your information,
25 and I don't have copies of this map either, this shows the
26 distribution of Federal land along that section of river, it's
27 not a very good map, but I'll let you pass this around. Where
28 the pink actually touches the river, my boundaries are not well
29 defined, it was just so that I had an idea when I was doing my
30 work. Where the pink actually touches the river is where the
31 Federal land actually touches the river. If it doesn't then
32 there's some non-Federal land along the river corridor there.
33 There's some Federal land fairly close to the river, but not
34 right up next to the river in some areas. And those squares on
35 that grid are approximately six mile squares.

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37 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chair, I'd like to ask a question of
38 Angela, if she cares to answer it. This is your area down
39 here, have the people taken a position on this; do they
40 support or what?

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42 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: They see no problem with staying one
43 half mile off the river. Anvik, Grayling, Shageluk and Holy.
44 Even though Shageluk over on the Innoko side.

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46 MR. COLLINS: And this would line up the State and the
47 Federal, I guess, so you wouldn't have to worry about whose
48 land you were on then?

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50 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: No.

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1 MR. COLLINS: Yeah.

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3 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: And we know some times we can go up
 4 to Federal lands and that's above Holikachuk. You know,
 5 sometimes our season ends, but the Holikachuk one is open.
 6 It's open a few more days, like five days later. We know we
 7 can go up there, if we have gas. Nobody does.

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9 The only thing, Holy Cross and Anvik and Grayling and
 10 Shageluk are concerned is that there's a State proposal trying
 11 to come up by Bethel people to open our Paradise area and
 12 they're very much against that. Do you have a control use area
 13 in Paradise? They want to open it up for airplanes. That was
 14 closed by my father and Ken Chase and Harry Gosner (ph) about
 15 20 years ago. We want to protect the Bonasila area, that's our
 16 breeding grounds for moose.

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18 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Phil.

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20 MR. GRAHAM: So the Advisory Committee from your area
 21 supports this proposal?

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23 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Um-hum. (Affirmative) They see no
 24 problem with it. They clearly understand antlerless season,
 25 they clearly understand what a half mile is.

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27 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Any more questions on Proposal
 28 58?

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30 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: Call for the question.

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32 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Question's been called for, are
 33 you ready for a vote? All in favor of Proposal 58 signify by
 34 saying aye.

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36 (Ayes respond)

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38 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: All opposed, same sign.

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40 (No opposing votes)

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42 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Proposal 58 passes.

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44 MR. JAMES: Mr. Chair.

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46 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Dave.

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48 MR. JAMES: Some clarification on the action that you
 49 took on Lime Village yesterday. As it turned out the way you

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worded that amended proposal as it was accepted, it also made
 exclusive use for the caribou within that area. Now, clearly
 the Council intended that for moose, there's no question there,
 we not so sure about caribou.

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6 If it was the Council's intention I have to warn you
 that the biological argument may not be in your favor when it
 comes before the Board. But I couldn't remember, I don't even
 remember if that was really clearly discussed here. I don't
 know if the Council intended it to be just the way it is or
 not.

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13 Now, this may not require any action at all, at this
 point. Just realize that the Board may change it, is my hunch,
 because of the biological argument. The biological argument
 for moose is one thing, for caribou it's another. Do you
 understand what I'm saying, Phil?

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19 MR. GRAHAM: Because there's so many caribou it should
 not be an exclusive use area?

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22 MR. JAMES: That's the simple way to put it.

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24 MR. GRAHAM: I have no problem with that. In fact, you
 know, sometime people who live outside of Lime Village, like
 relatives who have moved down river or something, want to come
 to Lime Village to hunt caribou. They wouldn't bother a moose,
 but they would want to go hunt caribou and as long as there's
 enough of them there, it seems like there's

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31 MR. JAMES: Okay. If the Council is comfortable just
 leaving it the way it is, with that on record we can go on.

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34 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Okay.

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36 MR. JAMES: If you're real adamant about it and you
 want to take some action, go ahead. However.

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39 MR. KNAUER: Excuse me, David.

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41 MR. JAMES: Yeah.

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43 MR. KNAUER: In the situation where relatives come in
 for caribou, the way you have it now they would be prohibited
 from hunting. You may and because, as David said, biologically
 there appears to be plenty of animals to satisfy more than the
 needs of the local users. There doesn't seem to be
 justification to close. I think, from my standpoint, it would
 probably strengthen your credibility with the Board if you, in

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fact, recognize that and maybe we should just amend it to delete the restriction on caribou. It certainly obvious that there is a need on moose.

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5 (Indiscernible -- Mr. Collins & Mr. Graham conferring)

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7 MR. GRAHAM: Oh I see. Go back to Page 13 where it talks about the expanded Lime Village Management Area and at that bottom of that paragraph in highlighted, it says moose and caribou hunting is closed. All we would have to do is cross out the word caribou the way I see it.

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13 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, you can just move to strike that out.

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16 MR. GRAHAM: Pardon me?

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18 MR. COLLINS: Just make a motion to strike that out.

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20 MR. GRAHAM: All right. Mr. Chairman, I make a motion back to Proposal 51 to strike the words "and caribou" out of the proposal where it describes the expanded Lime Village Management Unit.

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25 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: You want to strike?

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27 MR. GRAHAM: What we want to do is leave caribou hunting -- just make it an exclusive use are for moose hunting.

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30 MR. COLLINS: I'll second that.

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32 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: It's been moved and second to amend Proposal 51 to exclude caribou hunting on all Federal public lands within Lime Village -- expanded Lime Village area.

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36 MR. COLLINS: Just strike the words "and caribou".

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38 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Just strike the words "and caribou", huh?

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41 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah, so that it's -- the map isn't here, but any other people can come into that management area and hunt caribou, but they cannot hunt moose in that area.

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45 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Okay. It's been moved and seconded to amend Proposal 51 to exclude caribou. Questions? All in favor of the amendment signify by saying aye.

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49 (Ayes respond)

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2 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: All opposed, same sign.
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4 (No opposing votes)
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6 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Amendment to Proposal 51
7 passes.
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9 MR. JAMES: Mr. Chair, the last item on the public
10 meeting portion of this is time and place of next meeting. The
11 two subjects that yesterday you identified that may be
12 appropriate for the next meeting are the Kenai C&T
13 Determination and the 1994 Annual Report.
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15 (Off record comments -- looking for a calendar)
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17 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: This would be a two day
18 meeting, right, Dave? Take about two days?
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20 MR. JAMES: Well, that's basically up to you all,
21 there's just the two items, of course, the Annual Report is
22 really more of a work session than a meeting like this.
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24 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Um-hum. (Affirmative)
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26 MR. JAMES: Certainly I would hope not more that two
27 days.
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29 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Well, two days to get in and
30 out anyway.
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32 MR. JAMES: Including travel, oh yeah.
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34 (Off record comments -- trying to figure out dates)
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36 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: How about the 26th and 27th of
37 May, Thursday, Friday.
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39 MR. JAMES: That's better for me.
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41 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: How about you, Pollock?
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43 MR. POLLOCK SIMON, SR: That sounds okay.
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45 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: May 26th and 27th over in
46 Whiskeyman.
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48 (General laughter and discussion about where)
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1 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: McGrath sounds like a pretty
 2 good place, we had a pretty good meeting there.

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 4 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: McGrath is good, yeah, they have lots
 5 of facilities there.

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 7 MR. JAMES: Just as a reminder, you recall that letter
 8 to the Kuskokwim Native Association that was sent, you all
 9 discussed one of the options was to occasionally meet in that
 10 area, Aniak, I guess, so that's another option.

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 12 (Off record comments -- still discussing place)

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 14 MR. GRAHAM: I think it would be a good idea to meet in
 15 Aniak, sometime, especially if we had an issue, but if this is
 16 a work session I don't know if it would be a good idea.

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 18 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: It wouldn't be fair to the people.

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 20 MR. JAMES: That's a good point.

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 22 MR. GRAHAM: If we had an issue, like the one we did
 23 today, Proposal 54 had to do with them, but a work session I
 24 don't think the people from Aniak would get much out of it.

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 26 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Well, I propose McGrath, if
 27 there's not problem with that.

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 29 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: Have we decided on the dates?

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 31 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Yeah.

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 33 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: What are they?

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 35 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: 26th and 27th of May.

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 37 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: May 26th and 27th.

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 39 MR. JAMES: May 26th and 27th.

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 41 MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: Yeah, Thursday and Friday.

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 43 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: In on the 26th and out on the 27th

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 45 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Out on the 28th.

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 47 MS. GURTLE-STRICK: Out on the 28th?

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 49 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Out on the 28th, Saturday.

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MR. JAMES: What about the 28th?

MS. DEMIENTIEFF: We're leaving on the 28th, Saturday.

(Off record comments -- more discussion about place)

MR. JAMES: We want to finish our meeting first here, don't worry about your per diem, please. I'm sorry. I don't want to stop the momentum. Have you decided on McGrath?

MR. HAROLD HUNTINGTON: I think so.

MR. JAMES: It's agreeable?

(General agreement of Council members)

MR. FRANKLIN SIMON: You can get in and out anytime you want to over there.

(General falling apart of meeting -- went into discussion of filling out per diem forms. Shortly after we went off record the Council voted to adjourn.)

(END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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